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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains a selection of original and seasonally adjusted historical data, in tabular and graphic form, the source for which are statistics appearing in the ABS's monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$3.80, \$4.60 incl. postage). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
- n.a. not available
- n.y.a. not yet available
- break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil kWh		Gas (c) mil megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000	
				Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1983-84															
December	7,196		30.2	8,757	9,370	30,234	36,995	513	514	434	438	25.9	29.2	213	208
January	6,607		32.1	8,492	9,163	28,801	35,497	521	503	244	369	12.3	37.7	100	255
February	10,268	20,789	38.1	8,398	9,427	33,034	37,732	470	494	451	454	30.9	30.7	202	200
March	10,491		33.6	9,354	9,556	35,294	37,365	539	520	471	442	17.9	33.6	208	197
April	7,915		24.6	8,796	9,477	33,181	36,521	468	503	408	437	26.7	31.8	152	183
May	11,837	22,793	29.7	10,072	9,625	40,797	36,447	543	517	503	459	39.5	32.6	152	165
June	10,840		45.7	10,174	9,379	42,335	36,043	532	521	462	446	31.3	30.5	181	194
1984-85															
July	11,305		41.9	11,308	9,758	46,095	36,456	565	522	483	453	37.9	33.2	194	190
August	11,788	22,580	39.7	10,726	9,624	42,394	36,793	535	506	503	475	40.6	34.0	231	192
September	11,019		38.3	9,789	9,874	41,307	39,380	534	572	471	472	45.8	34.9	175	144
October	12,981		40.3	9,722	9,729	38,541	39,545	546	547	488	470	43.6	33.2	199	160
November	12,247	22,560	39.1	9,356	9,832	36,452	39,224	494	523	553	514	38.1	33.0	228	191
December	7,292		42.4	9,227	9,933	33,536	41,092	552	560	427	440	29.4	34.9	151	152
January	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	9,383	9,840	31,802	38,957	511	497	330	500	11.8	34.3	80	191
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	8,806	9,840	32,890	39,109	451	488	444	457	31.8	32.8	190	201

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (inc. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufactures (1980=100)	Whole milk makes by factories (b) mil litres		Brokers and dealers' receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1983-84															
December	2,385	2,735	628	725	9,510	11,381	139	152	381.8	661	479	49,119	78.1		
January	869	2,490	565	929	5,337	13,677	135	155	383.8	551	473	34,381	74.6		
February	2,603	2,596	1,085	920	12,899	13,069	160	159	385.0	440	492	44,289	75.8	34,389	34,391
March	3,656	3,077	966	895	14,794	13,293	161	159	386.1	381	505	48,080	73.0		
April	2,565	2,841	746	819	11,628	12,960	144	157	387.9	313	507	32,685	74.8		
May	3,515	3,251	920	904	13,011	11,872	175	161	390.3	293	535	35,264	77.8	(c)35,196	(c)35,308
June	3,918	3,279	716	794	15,132	12,862	174	190	392.2	282	558	34,377	76.8		
1984-85															
July	3,467	3,412	772	778	14,119	12,385	178	174	395.0	p344	p518	p43,878	p80.0		
August	3,169	2,646	832	813	14,377	12,698	171	165	397.0	p493	p489	p82,222	p81.8	36,379	36,195
September	3,462	3,046	764	818	14,087	13,423	155	147	r398.2	p640	p483	p104,181	p81.3		
October	2,973	2,639	802	638	14,811	13,149	171	148	p399.4	p768	p466	p127,815	p79.9		
November	3,186	3,084	994	791	14,166	12,840	p164	p161	p399.6	p743	p487	p106,568	p77.2	36,787	36,857
December	2,893	3,578	572	700	10,809	13,555	p134	p153	n.y.a.	p687	p499	p58,644	p77.5		
January	587	1,619	597	894	3,596	8,843	p153	p162	n.y.a.	p599	p516	p51,369	p82.9		
February	2,766	2,920	923	849	12,794	13,429	p154	p161	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0. (e) New series. Results of a sample survey which is subject to revision each year prior to the June quarter survey. For further information see paragraphs 4 and 5 of publication 5629.0.

FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Value of total exports \$m	Value of total imports \$m	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Import price index All groups 1981-82 = 100.0	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m
			Exports (b)	Imports (b)					
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
1983-84									
December	2,010	1,786			207		-354	1,905	13,350
January	2,120	1,956			207		-455	292	12,796
February	2,006	2,012	4,942	4,810	206	113.1	639	366	12,373
March	2,103	2,130			205		680	346	12,241
April	1,990	1,649			205		223	141	12,217
May	2,143	2,559	5,194	5,076	206	114.6	-1,070	985	12,297
June	2,472	2,253			209		658	113	12,417
1984-85									
July	2,454	2,471			213		1,088	1,157	12,632
August	2,296	2,625	5,567	5,392	214	119.9	966	1,100	12,618
September	2,547	2,158			214		722	803	12,441
October	2,317	2,608			213		1,171	932	12,024
November	2,438	2,455	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	211	n.y.a.	831	1,054	12,066
December	2,131	1,806			212		917	741	12,058
January	2,207	2,373			n.y.a.		1,209	1,063	11,918
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.		616	281	13,118

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$/A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales (a)								New motor cars and station wagons registered (b)		Other new motor vehicles registered (c)		Instalment redit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses' balances outstanding (d)	
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other (b) \$m		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	\$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.						
1983-84														
December	5,027	1,652							38.2	38.4	11.3	12.3	4,087	
January	3,385	1,667							31.6	38.0	10.0	12.3	4,091	
February	3,374	1,664	5,397	5,459	3,223	3,655	1,770	1,889	17.4	38.5	12.2	12.2	4,134	
March	3,641	1,675							42.8	40.7	14.4	12.8	4,170	
April	3,457	1,701							14.7	39.1	11.6	12.5	4,179	
May	3,807	1,688	5,450	5,607	3,538	3,549	1,802	1,308	46.2	41.0	14.8	13.2	4,297	
June	3,540	1,703							42.9	40.9	14.6	13.3	4,345	
1984-85														
July	3,600	1,804							42.3	40.3	15.3	13.9	4,389	
August	3,707	1,768	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	42.5	37.4	14.4	13.3	4,431	
September	3,563	1,785							37.7	40.7	11.5	13.0	4,464	
October	3,865	1,864							43.5	42.5	13.3	13.1	4,552	
November	4,081	1,902	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	41.2	41.4	12.5	13.2	4,616	
December	5,186	1,922							39.4	41.2	11.3	12.6	4,633	
January	5,817	1,921							39.0	44.1	11.5	13.3	n.y.a.	
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							44.5	47.5	12.8	13.8	n.y.a.	

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census, excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other, excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (d) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: October 1984 \$210m, November 1984 \$215m, December 1984 \$190m.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (\$)		Award rates of pay index, 1974-100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index = Year 1980-81 = 100 unless otherwise stated)								
	All males	All females			All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(a)
1981-84													
November	162.00	233.20	191.7	(b) 14	132.5	127.2	120.4	130.5	132.8	134.5	139.5	167.9	113.5
December			191.9	(b) 19									
January			194.0										
February	170.60	246.50	194.2	1.05	132.0	129.2	120.9	132.6	133.7	135.5	142.0	135.5	115.9
March			194.2										
April			202.2										
May	183.80	257.10	202.4	(b) 11	132.8	128.8	124.4	138.3	134.8	138.1	145.5	138.2	115.4
June			202.4										
1984-85													
July			202.4										
August	186.20	256.20	202.4	1.06	134.0	131.6	124.9	133.9	136.2	139.7	147.5	138.2	116.7
September			202.4										
October			202.5										
November	p190.70	p255.70	202.5	1.22	135.9	133.3	128.1	140.2	137.6	140.9	150.5	120.8	116.9
December			202.5										
January			202.5										

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0. (b) Result of sample survey of government employees and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS on the third Friday of the month shown sample from ABS register. For further details see *Overseas Australia, February 1984* (83-10-01) and *New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256-01).

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwellings 100 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced 100 units		Price indexes		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m/ke)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in house building(a)	Materials used in building other than house building(b)	New buildings and structures		Other new capital equipment	
1981-84															
October	975.5	974.2	12.5	12.2	169.6					1435.9	1445.5				
November	992.7	929.2	12.9	12.0	217.0	2,847.4	2,970.5	34.2	33.7	1439.3	1446.6	912.9	833.8	2,745.2	2,590.7
December	898.3	967.9	12.0	13.2	195.2					1442.0	1447.1				
January	759.0	853.7	9.9	12.4	180.3					1445.0	1447.5				
February	957.8	1,036.5	12.9	13.5	147.0	2,661.7	2,717.9	33.1	35.8	1450.3	1448.4	740.9	869.7	2,345.8	2,761.5
March	1,128.7	1,077.8	14.2	13.2	161.3					1456.4	1449.2				
April	1,007.6	1,105.4	12.1	12.7	237.1					1456.2	1450.2				
May	1,308.9	1,255.8	15.8	13.7	326.1	3,588.6	3,546.5	38.0	37.6	1462.0	1450.9	907.6	885.2	1,146.8	2,854.8
June	1,121.3	1,080.9	13.2	13.2	212.5					1465.1	1451.5				
1984-85															
July	1,183.4	1,125.8	13.9	13.8	160.4					1467.4	1451.8				
August	1,235.9	1,144.2	15.1	14.3	190.2	p1,546.4	p1,369.5	p40.3	p38.4	1469.5	1452.2	867.7	863.3	2,767.1	2,824.4
September	1,007.0	1,074.3	12.4	12.6	156.5					1471.5	1452.8				
October	1,216.4	1,119.6	14.0	12.7	165.2					1474.7	1453.5				
November	1,447.0	1,356.1	14.6	14.0	347.7	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	1476.0	1454.0	p1,145.6	p1,026.6	p3,039.1	p2,889.7
December	1,247.4	1,388.8	11.9	13.4	333.0					n.s.a.	p154.4				
January	983.1	1,193.3	11.6	13.9	151.8					n.s.a.	n.s.a.				

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities 1966-67 = 100.0. (b) Base: 1979-80 = 100.0. (c) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (d)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
	Original	Seas. adj.	Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m			
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.							
1983-84—													
December	33,181	32,842	32,952	32,657	25,642	25,514	28,500	467	303	131	11.60		3,626
January	33,861	33,451	32,554	32,576	25,351	25,576	28,259	483	274	122	12.05		4,420
February	34,308	33,614	32,999	32,777	25,280	25,793	28,249	627	340	145	12.35	155.6	4,230
March	33,899	33,724	33,414	32,994	25,836	26,129	28,389	600	368	155	12.70		4,381
April	33,255	33,784	33,764	33,505	26,596	26,339	28,398	516	324	133	12.35		6,488
May	33,745	34,075	33,707	33,795	26,569	26,268	28,860	635	374	152	12.70	731.5	6,114
June	34,328	34,246	33,749	34,358	26,444	26,541	29,473	567	300	136	12.25		5,052
1984-85—													
July	(g)34,077	(g)34,092	34,459	34,837	26,846	26,705	29,428	(h)590	(h)330	(h)117	12.10		4,241
August	34,286	34,409	35,105	35,245	26,927	27,013	29,838	678	336	117	11.10	1,457.8	4,799
September	34,650	34,830	35,562	35,686	27,390	27,421	30,080	630	285	112	11.85		3,875
October	34,982	35,161	35,714	35,604	28,212	27,865	30,280	784	315	128	12.10		4,129
November	35,079	35,282	36,139	35,897	28,202	28,098	30,605	745	334	111	12.50	461.6	4,634
December	36,078	35,715	37,063	36,799	28,875	28,735	30,651	598	276	94	12.90		4,259
January	36,101	35,662	38,005	38,048	29,356	29,618	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12.60		n.y.a.
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	38,628	38,733	29,565	30,167	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	13.20		n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication 5614.0. (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (g) Break in series due to change in accounting arrangements by one bank. (h) From July 1984 the continuity of this series is affected by changes in coverage. For further information see the July 1984 to September 1984 issues of *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (5609.0).

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS
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Quarter	(Rs)													
							Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1982-83— June	40,467	41,533	691	1,400	39,776	40,133	25,837	26,128	7,825	7,483	6,063	5,746	4,012	3,430
1983-84— September	42,867	43,871	1,444	2,357	41,423	41,514	27,051	27,135	7,435	7,585	5,494	5,571	3,469	3,780
December	50,315	45,236	4,450	2,249	45,865	42,987	29,604	28,014	8,084	7,719	6,302	5,974	3,661	3,500
March	45,125	47,146	2,145	2,254	42,980	44,892	27,528	28,557	7,713	8,325	5,236	5,791	3,507	3,988
June	46,928	49,016	1,080	2,361	45,848	46,655	28,665	28,988	8,859	8,472	6,906	6,616	4,151	3,506
1984-85— September	48,028	48,871	1,422	2,021	46,606	46,850	29,266	29,531	8,790	8,964	6,131	6,171	3,714	4,075
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES														
1982-83— June	29,017	30,029	872	1,511	28,145	28,518	18,787	18,971	5,520	5,275	4,333	4,104	2,752	2,352
1983-84— September	30,518	31,344	1,505	2,180	29,013	29,164	19,283	19,372	5,259	5,358	3,930	3,987	2,365	2,577
December	35,475	31,535	3,877	2,071	31,598	29,464	20,713	19,574	5,434	5,256	4,452	4,222	2,429	2,321
March	30,830	32,282	1,937	2,053	28,893	30,229	18,913	19,645	5,251	5,603	3,710	4,105	2,309	2,627
June	31,322	32,983	1,153	2,211	30,169	30,772	19,487	19,684	5,788	5,533	4,797	4,591	2,667	2,251
1984-85— September	32,037	32,693	1,488	1,927	30,549	30,766	19,587	19,800	5,722	5,827	4,198	4,227	2,369	2,600
AT CURRENT PRICES—continued														
Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
					Companies		Other							
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
1982-83— June	6,852	6,913	6,201	6,134	4,580	4,836	6,980	8,239	22,984	22,760	-275	14,056	9,026	27,739
1983-84— September	7,395	7,232	6,513	6,563	5,154	5,136	9,370	9,926	22,937	23,067	459	12,690	5,215	30,871
December	7,153	7,202	6,922	6,813	6,189	5,226	13,003	9,918	25,261	24,261	3,215	15,239	5,621	38,094
March	7,625	7,686	6,978	7,030	5,537	6,310	9,608	10,271	23,726	24,398	1,036	12,910	7,071	30,602
June	8,134	8,212	7,393	7,320	5,849	6,162	8,411	10,430	25,802	25,835	-5	15,653	10,858	30,592
1984-85— September	9,281	9,079	8,041	8,234	5,787	5,768	10,164	10,372	25,820	26,070	316	14,356	7,036	33,456

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

Month	CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) (' 000)						UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) (' 000)						JOB VACANCIES (' 000)	
	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons		
1983-84—														
December	4,448.0	4,399.3	2,698.4	2,655.3	7,146.4	7,054.6	391.3	210.1	88.6	419.8	270.2	690.0		
January	4,402.1	4,388.5	2,569.9	2,659.5	6,972.0	7,048.0	424.0	212.9	82.5	452.5	266.9	719.4		
February	4,436.2	4,400.6	2,668.0	2,660.9	7,104.2	7,061.5	413.2	228.6	96.4	435.8	302.3	738.2	(c)44.3	
March	4,457.1	4,434.2	2,748.2	2,691.5	7,205.3	7,125.7	380.0	212.1	108.9	404.7	296.3	701.0		
April	4,422.2	4,430.7	2,733.5	2,723.9	7,155.8	7,154.6	364.3	207.7	104.8	385.6	291.2	676.7		
May	4,421.5	4,427.9	2,706.1	2,698.9	7,127.5	7,126.8	356.5	192.7	87.8	382.2	254.8	637.0	34.8	
June	4,417.2	4,438.8	2,715.7	2,723.6	7,132.8	7,162.4	349.7	189.5	94.9	375.0	259.1	634.1		
1984-85—														
July	4,422.3	4,435.3	2,699.5	2,712.3	7,121.8	7,147.6	339.9	175.3	80.4	357.8	237.8	595.7		
August	4,393.9	4,435.5	2,673.0	2,701.3	7,066.9	7,136.8	359.0	165.1	80.5	381.5	223.1	604.6	37.6	
September	4,435.8	4,422.4	2,758.4	2,735.7	7,194.2	7,158.1	349.1	168.9	103.3	376.8	244.5	621.3		
October	4,402.2	4,413.3	2,721.2	2,721.4	7,123.4	7,134.7	326.1	163.6	89.1	351.2	227.7	578.8		
November	4,397.2	4,427.0	2,740.2	2,736.1	7,137.4	7,163.1	321.4	166.9	83.0	341.1	230.2	571.3	39.8	
December	4,462.6	4,416.1	2,788.1	2,744.6	7,250.7	7,160.7	345.3	181.8	100.0	375.1	252.1	627.1		
January	4,433.3	4,424.3	2,661.7	2,759.4	7,095.0	7,183.7	376.2	196.4	84.9	404.9	252.7	657.6		
February	4,463.1	4,432.2	2,786.7	2,785.1	7,249.8	7,217.2	368.8	207.0	97.2	390.1	282.8	673.0		

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. (c) New series. Result of sample from ARS register. For further details see *Job Vacancies*. Australia, February 1984 (6231.0) and *New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0).

EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)

Month	PERSONS (' 000)														Total
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	Australia					
										Common-wealth	State(h)	Local	Total		
1983--															
July	1,768.9	1,375.6	736.0	429.1	449.1	136.6	42.6	100.5	3,405.7	408.0	1,081.9	142.6	1,632.5	5,038.4	
August	1,778.3	1,384.3	740.3	430.7	452.5	137.7	43.1	101.3	3,430.5	410.0	1,084.8	143.0	1,637.8	5,068.3	
September	1,777.8	1,386.2	743.3	432.1	449.8	137.4	43.1	101.2	3,431.0	410.5	1,086.0	143.5	1,640.0	5,071.0	
October	1,793.2	1,368.4	747.5	439.3	449.7	137.4	45.9	102.8	3,439.7	412.6	1,087.9	144.0	1,644.5	5,084.2	
November	1,807.6	1,378.1	747.1	442.6	451.4	138.8	45.7	104.7	3,468.7	415.9	1,086.6	144.8	1,647.3	5,116.0	
December	1,803.1	1,379.3	739.3	445.5	454.4	139.9	44.8	105.6	3,481.0	418.0	1,067.6	145.3	1,630.8	5,111.8	
January	1,753.2	1,339.7	730.7	431.8	430.7	134.7	43.7	102.8	3,375.1	417.4	1,031.6	143.3	1,592.4	4,967.5	
February	1,782.4	1,367.0	739.3	441.4	437.4	137.0	44.3	104.5	3,426.6	420.1	1,059.5	147.3	1,626.8	5,053.4	
March	1,796.5	1,374.0	743.6	443.1	441.6	138.6	44.8	107.1	3,434.0	422.1	1,084.2	149.1	1,653.4	5,089.4	
April	1,799.1	1,370.0	747.9	447.8	448.2	138.9	45.5	107.6	3,427.0	421.7	1,091.1	151.5	1,664.2	5,101.3	
May	1,787.4	1,369.3	758.3	450.3	451.4	139.3	46.2	108.9	3,461.2	422.3	1,081.8	152.8	1,656.8	5,118.0	
June	1,806.3	1,378.1	756.7	448.5	451.2	136.5	46.8	108.6	3,453.9	419.5	1,105.1	154.3	1,678.9	5,132.8	
1984--															
July	1,822.1	1,386.6	762.2	448.4	454.9	139.5	47.1	108.6	3,491.1	420.3	1,103.6	154.2	1,678.1	5,169.2	
August	1,828.5	1,393.3	767.6	450.7	457.3	139.5	47.1	108.8	3,512.3	421.6	1,104.4	154.5	1,680.5	5,192.8	
September	1,825.9	1,403.5	766.7	447.5	456.7	137.5	47.4	107.4	3,515.8	421.0	1,101.6	154.3	1,676.6	5,192.8	

(a) New Series. Result of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employees selected from the ARS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers is collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia* (6248.0) and *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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